



St. Columba's Church
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**Douglas/Rochestown
 Parish**

St. Patrick's Church
Rochestown
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Sunday Mass
 Sat Vigil 6.00pm
 Sun 9.30am & 11.00am

Sunday 17th Sep '23

Sunday Mass
 Sun 11.00am &
 12.30pm

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www.douglasrochestownparish.ie

BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently: **Éala Marian Moloney-Lowther**, daughter of Karen & Keith, Passage West. **Dylan Fred Stone**, son of Claire & Kieran, Rochestown Rise. **Amelia Charlotte Stack**, daughter of Laura & Pdraig, Carrigaline. **Grace Brigid Mary Cuthbert**, daughter of Fiona & David, Monegourney. **Chloes Ribeiro Speight**, daughter of Bruna & Martin, Maryborough Ridge. **Noah Noel McCarthy**, son of Noelle & Anthony, Greenvally.

LENS OF THE GOSPEL

**24th Sunday in Ordinary
 Time - 17 September 2023**

Jesus surprised Peter by telling him he needed to forgive seventy-seven times. Perhaps you have known the value of this when something reminds you of a past hurt and you find you need in your heart to forgive again the person who hurt you. What was this like for you? How has a capacity to have a forgiving heart helped you?

Sometimes we need to forgive ourselves for things we regret about past behaviour. What happens to you when you cannot do this? How has your ability to forgive yourself for past mistakes influenced your attitude towards yourself now? Pope Francis chose as his motto 'miserando atque eligendo' (seen with compassion and chosen) to express his belief that Jesus viewed his past mistakes with compassion, and called him, nonetheless. At this moment can you see Jesus calling you, no matter what your past has been like?

Are there people whose ability to forgive has inspired you? Recall them and the forgiveness they showed and give thanks for their example. Intercom.

NEWS DESK

Finance The Offertory Collection last Sunday: St. Columba's: **€2229**, St. Patrick's: **€1250**. Many Thanks for your generosity. ***2nd Collection Priesthood Education next weekend.***

ALPHA 3 - A new **Alpha Course**, organised by the Parish Assembly, starts **on THU, 12th October**, in the Parish Rooms, St Columba's, and runs for 10 weeks, **from 7.30 to 9.00pm** each Thursday night. Alpha is an opportunity to explore your faith in an informal and friendly environment. If you're asking: Who is Jesus? Why did he die? What relevance does Jesus have for our lives today? How can I make the most of the rest of my life?, then Alpha is for you. Contact: (parishofdouglas@gmail.com / **021 489 4128**) or **Brian O'Kane** (alphateam2023@hotmail.com / **086 244 1633**).

NOTICES

CORK SCRIPTURE GROUP *Your word is a light for my path and a lamp for my steps.*

AUTUMN STUDY MODULE 2023 - 'When you pray ...' Matthew 6:5 Exploring Prayer in the Bible 7.30 to 9.30p.m. on Monday nights in the Scala Centre, Blackrock. **25th SEP 2023 2nd / 9th / 16th OCT '23:**

25th Sep 2023: Walking & Talking with God: Models of Prayer in the Scriptures Pauline Byrne;

2nd Oct 2023: The Canticles of Luke's Gospel Marian Mortell;

9th Oct 2023: Jesus' Priestly Prayer at the Last Supper in John's Gospel. Fr John Newman;

16th Oct 2023: Paul's Pathway to Prayer Phil Mortell.

AUTUMN WORKSHOP: 10.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. Saturday 7th October 2023 Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road. Praying the Psalms Ciarán O' Callaghan CSsR.

Total Cost of Module: €50. All are welcome but booking is essential. No previous experience of Bible Study required! For bookings please [email: corksripturegroup@gmail.com](mailto:corksripturegroup@gmail.com)

SYCAMORE SERIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS - Exploring Catholic Faith - Have you ever questioned why you are Catholic and wondered why we Catholics believe what we believe? The Sycamore Series is an informal course for those aged 18-35. Join us as we deepen our understanding and knowledge of the Catholic faith. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion, with a meal also included. Everyone is welcome. Start date **Wednesday 4th October '23**, 6pm-8pm, at Presentation Brothers Mardyke House, Cork T12 W8RP. The course is free and runs for 10 consecutive weeks, but places are limited. Please [email chaplaincy@ucc.ie](mailto:chaplaincy@ucc.ie) or ring [0214902459](tel:0214902459) to let us know you are interested.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE FROM CORK AIRPORT, Group Leader Jim Keogh, 5th JUN '24, Aer Lingus. Full daily programme which includes a visit to all the apparition sites where Our Lady first appeared to the six children in June 1981. Our **4* hotel accommodation** is conveniently located close to the village centre and the St James Church. Coach transfer to Medjugorje on arrival. 7 nights. Half board: breakfast & dinner each day. Coach transfer from your hotel to airport for return flight. Check-in assistance at airports. 1 x 20kg check-in bag & 1 x small cabin bag. Contact [Jim Keogh 021 4885371](tel:0214885371) you will be most welcome. **Please note €100 off per person for bookings paid in full before 15 NOV 2023. N.B.** Our places are **strictly limited** and will be allocated on a **first come first served basis**.

FEAST DAYS WEEK COMMENCING 18 SEPT '23:

SAT 23 SEP - ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, Padre Pio, Born on 25 May 1887 in Pietrelcina (Italy); died on this day in 1968 at San Giovanni Rotondo (Italy). Raised in a deeply religious rural home, Francesco Forgione became Padre Pio when he was ordained in the Capuchin order in 1910. A mystic who received the marks of the stigmata in 1918, a renowned holy man, and a charity worker who founded a hospital (the House for the Relief of Suffering). His ascetic life of pain led to special compassion for the suffering. He was honoured as an extraordinary confessor and spiritual director. Every day for fifty years from morning till evening he heard confessions for the crowds who came to him. When he got the stigmata, the Church restricted his movements. But the crowds still came to him and many were cured.

**REMEMBERING FR. CON
 CONCERT At:** Pace Centre, Passage West.

Date: SAT 23rd SEP. Time: 7.30p.m. A night of Singing, Musicians and Choirs. All welcome. Refreshments served on the night.